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# Family of Paula Gilfoyle remain convinced her husband Eddie murdered her

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Paula Gilfoyle's mother never recovered from her daughter's death by hanging and died of a broken heart, according to her family. They are convinced that Eddie Gilfoyle is to blame.

Joan Carbert died three years ago, aged 77, having lost her passion for life, her widower, Cliff, said yesterday. Mrs Gilfoyle's family dismissed new evidence uncovered by The Times suggesting that Gilfoyle's conviction for murder was unsafe. They believe that he concocted the plot so that he could keep the house and move into it with a girlfriend after his wife and baby were out of the way.

They are certain the heavily pregnant woman was not suicidal. On the contrary, she was looking forward to having a large family. "She wanted another baby after that one to keep it company," Mr Carbert told The Times. "And another one after that. She didn't get the chance, did she?"

Mr Carbert, 86, a D-Day veteran, is convinced that Gilfoyle is a liar. He believes he caught out his son-in-law, who served with the Royal Army Medical Corps during the Falklands War. "He told me about the Army. He didn't know I had been in the Army. He told me that a major told him to go through a mine area to pick a man up and fix that man up. That's a lie. What major would ever tell you to go [into a minefield] without knowing where they were?"

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His daughter would never have taken her baby's life, he insisted. "She wouldn't hurt the baby. She loved babies. She had a pram and everything in it for the baby. Everything she had, nobody would believe it, everything for that baby. I tell the truth."

Mr Carbert believes Gilfoyle's motive was to get his wife and baby out of the way so that he could set himself up with another woman. Gilfoyle had been working hard on the marital home in the Wirral village of Upton. "He was 'knocking off' another girl and that's what he was after, the house to put her in," Mr Carbert said.

He said that his wife was never the same after the death of her daughter. "He killed my wife. She never recovered. I used to take her breakfast every morning and I said, 'You have to eat. If you don't eat, you die.' He killed the baby, of course, so that's three he

killed. I try to put it out of my mind because it's such a shock. It could have killed me. I've got a bad heart now."

According to Mr Carbert, the case still arouses strong feelings in the area. "If he comes around here, he has had it. Some man will get him for what he did. But I don't want fighting." The family are full of praise for Merseyside Police, who successfully obtained a unanimous murder conviction. "We had two good policemen. They found out the truth."

Mrs Gilfoyle's remains are with those of her mother at a church on the Wirral. "They should keep him in prison. That's what we want. What would you do if you lost three people of your own?" Mr Carbert asked. "He certainly killed her. I was very pleased when they said 'You have got life'. It's his fault, not ours, and the family are disgusted with him. He is a dirty liar, he is. Honest to God."

After Mrs Gilfoyle was found dead, her husband told police that she had made him keep secret the identity of the baby's father - her brother-in-law, Peter Glover. A DNA test later proved that the baby was Gilfoyle's and Mr Glover always denied any improper behaviour with his wife's sister.

He said yesterday that Gilfoyle had been insensitive towards his pregnant wife. Just before she was due to give birth, on a hot day, Gilfoyle prevented her from lying on a comfortable sun lounger. "He said 'Let the beached whale sit on a chair'," Mr Glover recalled. "Everyone thought he was a wonderful fellow and he wasn't at all."